
Remarks

Claims 1-27 are currently pending in the application. Claims 1-20 were previously withdrawn as non-elected inventions.

Claim 21 is canceled.

Claims 22-27 are currently amended.

Amendment to the specification has been made at page 7.

No new matter has been added by these amendments.

Information Disclosure Statements

The Examiner has indicated in the instant Office Action that Applicants should resend non-patent references (C1-C68) filed in an Information Disclosure Statement on 8/23/01 which were lost due to an error of the Office. In a telephone conversation with the Examiner this morning (Monday, June 21, 2004), the Examiner agreed that Applicant should resubmit, together with the copies of the missing references, the originally filed Information Disclosure Statement and a copy of the postcard received in receipt of that filing. The Examiner indicated that receipt of these early next week, week of 28 June 2004, would be acceptable.

Objection to the specification

The Examiner has objected to the specification as containing embedded hyperlinks and/or other forms of browser-executable code, as being proscribed. Applicant respectfully disagrees. MPEP 608.01, to which the Examiner refers, only proscribes including in the specification hyperlinks and other forms of browser-executable code, which the instant specification does not have any instances of. The MPEP 608.01 VII HYPERLINKS section describes such hyperlinks and other forms of browser-executable code by example as being "a URL placed between these symbols "< >" and http:// followed by a URL address". MPEP 608.01 VII HYPERLINKS. The instant specification contains no such hyperlinks or browser-executable code, and merely refers to addresses prefixed by www. to clearly designate their website origin. Therefore Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner remove the objection to the specification on this ground.

The specification was also objected to because of a blank line for an application number at page 7. Appropriate correction has been made as the above amendment to the specification shows. Applicant therefore respectfully asserts that this objection to the specification be removed.

Objections to claims 23 and 26

The Examiner has indicated that claim 23 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant thanks the Examiner for his suggestions. Applicant has currently amended claim 23 according to the Examiner's suggestion, in independent form including all of the limitations of the previous base claim 21. The intervening claim 22 has been amended to depend from rewritten claims 23. Claims 24-27 have been amended to depend from currently amended claim 23. Since claims 21-22 and 24-27, have been amended to depend from claim 23, Applicant respectfully asserts that the amendments to those claims should put them in condition for allowance. Claim 26 has also been amended to correct the typographical error in line 3 of that claim. Applicant therefore requests that the Examiner's objections to the claims be removed, and respectfully asserts that claims 21-27 should all be in condition for allowance.

Rejections of claims 21-22, 24-27 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b)

Claims 21-22, 24-27 have been currently amended to depend from currently amended claim 23. The Examiner has indicated that claim 23 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Therefore, as currently amended, Applicant asserts that the claims are now in condition for allowance and respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejection of claims 21-22 and 24-27 for anticipation under 35 U.S.C. 102(b).

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, the applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the pending objections and § 102 rejections. If there are any questions or comments regarding this Response or application, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney as indicated below.

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